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**Around the Army****Fort Lewis:**

The Army News Service reported Aug. 8 that the Association of Defense Communities selected Fort Lewis, Wash., July 29 as the Defense Installation of the Year. Based on a nomination by the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, the award recognizes Fort Lewis for its overall efforts to work with surrounding communities on housing, mission expansion, schools and other critical issues.

For more on this story and other Army news around the world, go to [www4.army.mil/ocpa/news/](http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/news/) on the Web.

**Fort Bliss:**

The Monitor reported Aug. 3 that GMH Military Housing entrusted the first new officer quarters to 13 families July 22 during a barbecue celebration at the Corregidor housing area.

A distinctive detail by GMH was obvious throughout the block as personalized Texas size banners were displayed on every new house welcoming each family to their new home.

GMH is hoping to have the next group of houses ready within the next three-to-four weeks.

The new neighborhood was named after an island in the Philippines where a fierce battle took place between the U.S. military and Japanese Army during World War II.

For more on this story and other Fort Bliss, Texas, news, visit [www.lavenpublishing.com/fortblissmonitor.html](http://www.lavenpublishing.com/fortblissmonitor.html) on the Web.

**Fort Sill:**

The Cannoneer reported July 27 that post visitors and residents were able to drive down the post's newly paved five-lane portion of Sheridan Road without a detour in sight in time for the Fourth of July festivities – a month and a half ahead of schedule.

The \$3 million road project is just a portion of the post's more than \$130 million ongoing or about to be started construction and renovation projects funded under the Military Construction Army program.

MCA-funded projects on post include the last phase of the Directorate of Logistics complex, the Basic Officer Leadership Course projects, the new family housing project, the headquarters for the Criminal Investigation Division and the Rail Equipment Shop.

For more on this story and other Fort Sill, Okla., news, visit [www.lawton-constitution.com/cball/cannoneer.htm](http://www.lawton-constitution.com/cball/cannoneer.htm) on the Web.

**Fort Gordon:**

The Signal reported Aug. 4 that trees and power lines had been downed the previous week when high winds and torrential rains swept across the post. Some trees had fallen near Barton Field and near Freedom Park.

For more on this story and other Fort Gordon, Ga., news, visit [www.gordon.army.mil/pao/archives.htm](http://www.gordon.army.mil/pao/archives.htm) on the Web.

**MiTTs catch it**

Task Force Dagger PAO/Macleod

Motor Transportation Regiment MiTT Soldiers receive specialized training on the maintenance and handling of one type of truck they may encounter while advising the Iraqi Security Forces.

**Team learns trucking skills**

By Nicole Clarke and Lisa Litchfield

Task Force Dagger PAO

Transition Team One, cycle one of the Fort Riley Training Mission, marked another first as they began their specialized mission training with large truck familiarization at Fort Riley July 11.

Lt. Col. Lowell Preskitt, S3 for the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support), said all transition team Soldiers complete 39 core tasks before

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each team begins the training modified to meet the type of mission the team will perform overseas.

Transition Team One is designated as a Motor Transportation Regiment Transition Team and is the first team to receive the familiarization training

with the large trucks.

Capt. Michael Volpe, combat driving chief and senior trainer for the 2nd Battalion, 365th Regiment (Logistical Support), described the training as a three-day block of specialized immersion training designed to address the mission requirements of the transportation team when they arrive in theater.

Challenges sometimes develop with new training, and Volpe acknowledged that this training mis-

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Task Force Dagger PAO/Macleod  
Maj. Michael Taylor scans his sector during the M4 qualification phase of his MiTT's training.

**MiTT assignment puts schooling on hold**

By Jennifer Thacker

Task Force Dagger PAO

With his plans made to attend intermediate level officer education at Fort Gordon, Ga., Maj. Michael Taylor was shocked this summer to have his future altered drastically.

Instead of going to school, he found he would be going to Iraq as a Military Transition Team member, after completing specialized training at Fort Riley.

Taylor, formerly with the 24th Infantry Division (Mech), said the

news came as a shock but wasn't anything he and other Soldiers aren't used to. Lots of assignments get changed before moves are actually made. It's a fact of military life.

This time, the commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), was in the middle of transferring command inventories and planning to work for Col. "Ty" Smith, U.S. Army Garrison commander at Fort Riley, until reporting for school a few months later.

"Initially, my family and I were in a

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**1st Bn., 16th Inf., hosts veterans**

Regimental group gathers, maintains traditions, history

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

The first Soldier to earn the Medal of Honor in Vietnam "subbed" for his brother during recent 16th Regiment activities at Fort Riley.

Retired Col. Roger Donlon visited Fort Riley the week of Aug. 1 because his brother couldn't. What his brother missed was a meeting of the 16th Infantry Regiment Association, of which he is a member.

The association, made up of regiment veterans, met at Fort Riley for several activities scheduled throughout the week, including the return of the 1st Infantry Division to Fort Riley, a Distinguished Member of the Regiment Ceremony, the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, Ball and to pass the unit's rich history to the Soldiers of 1st Bn. 16th Inf.

Preserving the history and honor of the regiment is what the association is all about, said retired Col. "Skip" Baker, who was with 5th Battalion, 16th Inf., during Operation Desert Storm. Baker became the newest Honorary Colonel of the Regiment during a ceremony Aug. 2.

After the ceremony, the veterans mingled with "Iron Ranger" Soldiers in the field across from the battalion's headquarters. A group of Soldiers stood around a vet beside an erected camouflage netting shelter as he joked and told them about his experiences during World War II.

Across the field, Soldiers showed their "Iron Ranger" predecessors the gear, weapons and communication equipment they use today. A "Humvee" rumbled to life in another corner of the field as a veteran started it up. "You're not going to let him drive that are you?" joked the vets standing around the "Humvee" and a WWII-era half-track and Korean War-era jeep.

"All these guys walking around looking like

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Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Frank Zachar and Staff Sgt. Francis Senese, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., listen to retired Col. Roger Donlon. Donlon was the first Soldier to receive the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

**3rd Bde. 'Gray Wolves' welcome commander**

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

"Fort Riley is truly home to me," revealed Col. James Marrye, after assuming command of the 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support), Aug. 4 in a ceremony at Cavalry Parade Field.

He accepted the brigade's colors from Maj. Gen. Stephen P. Best, the division's commanding general, after Best received them from outgoing brigade commander Col. Michael Courts.

Marrye explained that Fort

Riley was his father's first duty station after being commissioned through the Army's Officer Candidate School program. His mother became a naturalized citizen while they lived at Fort Riley.

"Before you stands one of the finest brigades in the U.S. Army," Marrye advised those in the audience who had gathered for the change of command ceremony.

"(The brigade's Soldiers) have the awesome responsibility of mobilizing, training, accepting and deploying our outstanding reserve forces into combat. I am

To the brigade's Soldiers, "Keep up the good work. Prepare the force."

— Col. James M. Marrye  
Commander, 3rd Bde., 75th Div. (TS)



honored to have this opportunity to serve with you," he said.

The new commander brings combat Army aviation experience in Afghanistan and Iraq to his new

position. He commanded 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, during those combat tours. Soldiers of the "Gray Wolf" Brigade, ... I'm

excited about our mission and working with you to accomplish it."

Best said a "wise and distinguished senior officer" once told him the measurement of success upon a change of command could be determined by answering "yes" to two questions:

"Is the unit in better shape now, when you're departing, than when you got there?" and

"Is the unit set up for success even after you've departed? Not only set up for success, but can it

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## Post, Army news briefly

### Army seeks legal officers

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program.

Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense, if funding permits.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2007 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of Army Regulation 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1.

Interested officers should contact the Fort Riley Staff

Judge Advocate's Office at 239-2217 for more information.

### Environmental classes slated

The Environmental Division, DPW has scheduled the following training courses for the month of August:

Environmental Team Training Refresher: This course is an annual refresher to the Environmental Team training course. Class starts at 9 a.m. on Aug. 14, in Room 6, Building 407. The class lasts 2.5 hours.

Battery Hazard Awareness Training (Code Name Lithium): This course is designed for key personnel who receive, store, issue and then transport lithium batteries for disposal.

This course includes training on the characteristics and hazards associated with the various types of lithium batteries used on Fort Riley. This course also includes training on health, safety and personal protective equipment when handling lithium batteries.

Class starts at 10 a.m. every Wednesday of each month in Building 1930 at Camp Funston. This class lasts one hour.

For more information or to enroll in these classes, call 239-2305 or 239-0446 or check with a battalion schools noncommissioned officer

# Post graduates first MiTTs

By Tom A. Throne  
The Daily Union

A standing ovation July 27 greeted the 38 officers and senior noncommissioned officers who made up Fort Riley's first graduating class of four Military Transition Teams.

The transition teams are made up of 10 to 15 Soldiers. They train in a 60-day cycle and are deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan to mentor, advise and train security forces in those countries.

The training mission was announced late last year as a new mission for the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

Col. Jeffrey D. Ingram, commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the "Big Red One," told team members that the ceremony was the culminating event to transition from the training phase to the execution phase.

He said he was jealous that they were deploying and he was staying behind.

Team members endured the challenges, persevered and now would execute the mission, he said.

"If it was easy, people would be standing in line to participate," Ingram said.

## First MiTT graduates

Maj. Charles Elliott  
Maj. Christopher Robishaw  
Maj. Steven Carroll  
Capt. Eric Field  
Capt. Christopher Gray  
Capt. Carey Martin  
Capt. Christopher  
Tramontana  
Capt. Eric James  
Capt. Robert Kim  
Capt. Bret Bellizio  
Capt. Jeffrey Foisy  
1st Lt. Daniel Klimisch  
1st Lt. Joshua Denton  
1st Lt. Derek Rivers

1st Lt. Adam Stine  
1st Lt. Jeffrey Walker  
1st Lt. David Bioni-Sexton  
1st Lt. Andrew Mansky  
Master Sgt. Ivory Ricks  
Sgt. 1st Class Glenn Nichols  
Sgt. 1st Class Alfred  
Bannerman  
Sgt. 1st Class Richard Bauer  
Sgt. 1st Class Anthony  
Rivera-Padilla  
Sgt. 1st Class Michael Siller  
Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Baker  
Sgt. 1st Class James Bell  
Sgt. 1st Class Casey Brown

Sgt. 1st Class Dale Brown  
Sgt. 1st Class Dana Lescoe  
Sgt. 1st Class Thomas  
Leturgez  
Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Neal  
Staff Sgt. Class Noah  
Harrison  
Staff Sgt. Alejandro  
Cervantes  
Staff Sgt. John Hartman  
Staff Sgt. Willie Diggs  
Staff Sgt. Sean Donahue  
Staff Sgt. Christopher Jones  
Staff Sgt. Michael Lewis

The MiTTs are the foundation for success in Iraq, he said.

"You can go a long way in stabilizing the government," he said of the team presence in Iraq.

Sgt. 1st Class Casey Brown, a fire support specialist, said, "In order for us to leave (Iraq), (the MiTT's mission is) essential."

Brown's specialty is to conduct information operations and to direct close air, aviation and naval support as well as mortar support.

"If it doesn't work, then more troops will be going there," he said of the MiTT operation.

Brown felt the training gave the teams a better understanding of the Iraqi culture, which is critical to the success of the mission.

As the first units to be trained, Brown said there was some heartache, but the problems were worked out as the team went through training.

Another critical part was the additional training in combat lifesaving, which focused on survivability and how to save the life of a Soldier, Brown said.

The teams also will work to mediate issues between various

sects and religious groups within the Iraqi army units, said Capt. Bret Bellizio.

He advised watching the movie "Lawrence of Arabia," which the teams were required to watch, to get a better understanding of the conflicts within the Arab people.

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Incoming 3rd Brigade commander, Col. James M. Marye (behind brigade colors), outgoing commander Col. Michael P. Courts (to Marye's left) and 7th Division commanding general Maj. Gen. Stephen P. Best (to Courts' left) review the assembled division troops Aug. 4 at the 3rd Bde. change of command ceremony on Cavalry Parade Field at Fort Riley.

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improve; can it get better?"

Best said, from his perspective as division commander, the answer to both questions was "yes."

The answer to the first question "is a resounding 'yes,' as it characterizes the period of service in his great reign for Col. Mike Courts," Best said.

For the second question, "from

my perspective, the answer to that is 'yes' as well. That's where Col. Jim Mayre comes about.

"The Army, again, has sent this division a distinguished Soldier, an experienced combat commander and a world class trainer," Best explained.

Seventeen times in the past 18

years, Courts has participated in change of command ceremonies in various roles, the outgoing commander said.

"Each of those were very special, but I have to say that the first time I received a guidon and heard my name read off as the commander and today, when I

pass the guidon for what is likely the last time, will always be the most significant (of those times)," Courts said.

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## 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (TS)

Traces its history to the 275th Combat Engineer Battalion that was activated at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., April 15, 1943. Battalion was assigned to 75th Inf. Div. at that time and fought in the European Theater in World War II.

Earned WW II campaign credits for Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe.

Earned distinction during Battle of the Bulge and subsequent push to the Rhine and earned nickname of "Bulge Busters."

After occupation duty in Westphalia, was inactivated Nov. 14, 1945.

Reactivated Feb. 15, 1957, as 75th U.S. Army Maneuver Area Command.

Redesignated as 75th Div. (Exercise) Oct. 1, 1993.

Readiness Group Fort Riley formed in 1973 when the group moved from Schilling Manor in Salina, Kan.

RGFR was redesignated as the 166th Aviation Brigade at Fort Riley Oct. 1, 1997.

The aviation brigade's training support battalion combined with field exercise battalions of the 75th Div. to form the 3rd Bde, 75th Div. (TS), Oct. 17, 1999.

The brigade provides training and mobilization assistance to Army National Guard and Army Reserve units in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri and aviation units throughout the Fifth U.S. Army area.

The brigade has been mobilized since January 2003 and has trained more than 20,000 troops in the past three years for the Global War on Terrorism.



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state of shock, but my wife understands that this is the life we have as Soldiers, and when the nation calls, you do your duty and go out and execute the mission," Taylor said.

He admitted that he grew "pretty excited" about the special assignment "once I got over the initial shock."

Taylor is part of a 10-man team on a 23-day training cycle. At the end of the cycle, they will only have a few weeks before they are scheduled to deploy.

"All the guys on this team are top-notch. We all have the positive attitude of we have a job to do and we are going to go over there and do the best we can and come home," Taylor said. "The training is excellent. The equipment is excellent. I wished we had on my first tour," he said.

### Training, deploying more personable

Training and deploying with such a small team can be much more personable than deploying with an entire brigade. In a brigade, a Soldier could run into another he or she had never met, which could make bonding with everyone difficult.

"Even at the company level, you only really know immediate

leaders and specific Soldiers. Here we have all gotten to know each other really well," Taylor said.

"Barriers have dropped pretty quickly and we already know a lot about each other. I have confidence in each and every one of these guys. Even though we are only on day nine, I have seen what these guys can do, and with each event we complete it just adds more confidence," he said.

Each Soldier brings his own knowledge and personal experience to the team. That personal knowledge can help other teammates who haven't experienced the same things, help them learn new things and improve on the skills they have.

Taylor brings his operational and planning experience to the team.

Taylor said his operational experience will help him when he is paired with an Iraqi brigade as the S3 advisor for a year. "We are not there to tell them what to do; we are there to help coach, teach and mentor.

"The idea is to get them to come up with their own ideas and plans and then advise them on what they might want to do next time," he said.

Taylor feels he also can bring much more to the team besides his operations knowledge.

"I have always had a positive attitude," Taylor said. "I have always been able to pull out the positive in every situation. Plus, I am a Packers fan, so I can bring American football to my Iraqi counterparts and hopefully we can watch the Super Bowl," he said while laughing.

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sion was no different. The main challenge, he said, was getting the necessary equipment to properly train the Soldiers.

Volpe credits the 89th Regional Readiness Command with helping to overcome that particular challenge. It supplied vehicles from the equipment concentration site on post.

Volpe said the transportation transition team trains on two models of the 2 1/2-ton trucks they can expect to see once they arrive in Iraq. One model is a 1970s version without power steering or power assist. The second model is an upgraded version with power steering and power assist.

The team also trains on a 5-ton cargo truck and 5-ton tractor-trail-

er. Taylor thinks he can gain technical as well as tactical knowledge from his teammates.

"I don't know enough about the light infantry side of the Army, and with some Soldiers here from 4th Brigade, a light brigade, I can learn about light dismounted tactics," he said.

"This transition team is diverse in their job specialties. We have Infantry officers, Ordnance officers and noncommissioned officers of various branches."

— Capt. Michael Volpe  
Senior trainer

er.

Instruction during the three-day course includes how to properly perform Preventative Maintenance Checks and Services on each vehicle as well as some of the common maintenance problems associated with the everyday wear on the vehicles.

"Everyone has strengths and weaknesses and you can learn and build upon each other's strengths and you can improve upon your weaknesses," he added.

Taylor isn't the first or only Soldier to have to change plans because of assignment to a Military Transition Team. For Soldiers

who selected in the future, Taylor offers this advice:

"Take advantage of every training opportunity. Learn as much as you can now before you deploy, because if you miss an opportunity here you may regret it later on in theater, in combat when time is critical and lives are on the line."

"It has been great to learn things specific to what we are going to do in theater," said Capt. Christopher Tramontana, head of transportation and maintenance for the team. "We are learning exactly what we will be doing over there."

Tramontana added that the trainers have shown the team how to take care of the vehicles if something were to happen to the vehicles while the team is in theater, and the team is confident in their abilities to perform the necessary tasks.

"I volunteered for this mission," Tramontana said. "The training we have received is great. I am chomping at the bit to go."

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## Riley Roundtable

### This week's question:

School begins next week at Fort Riley. What was the most fun you had when you went to school?



"I really liked physics class. The coolest part was blowing things up. We had to calculate the range and arch of a flaming dart to blow up a balloon."

**Spec. John Allred**  
French horn player  
1st Inf. Div. Band  
Hometown: Bountiful, Utah



"In elementary school we learned Japanese, Hawaiian and Hawaiian culture. I was a junior police officer and school crossing guard. We had competitions with other schools."

**1st Lt. Eddie Latham**  
Platoon leader  
Btry. B, 1st Bn., 4th FA  
Hometown: Honolulu



"I was homeschooled. I liked studying chemistry and science, but we didn't do any experiments at home."

**Spec. Alicia Mulvaney**  
Cook  
172nd Chemical Company  
Hometown: Potter, Kan.



"The first day of band. Helping build sets for plays in high school. I liked helping others set up to go on stage, not go on stage myself."

**Sgt. Richard Powell**  
Bassoon player  
1st Inf. Div. Band  
Hometown: Solomons Island, Md.



"Drama. I took a couple of courses. I was in a couple of plays: Neil Simons' 'The Good Doctor' and Arthur Miller's 'Enemy of the People.'"

**Capt. Nick Utzig**  
Commander  
Co. B, 2nd Bn., 1st Aviation  
Hometown: Edgewood, Md.

### Letters to the editor:

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**By Maj. Gen. Carter Ham**  
Commanding General  
1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley

"No mission too difficult, no sacrifice too great — duty first!" Only 10 words, yet in these words we find the spirit, the hallowed history and the future of the 1st Infantry Division.

Whether you are new to the division or have served for years, whether you are a Soldier, family member, part of the best civilian workforce in the Army or a member of one of the wonderful communities in which we live, I'm sure you feel the tremendous pride of being a part of our storied division. Fort Riley is our home, and it is a wonderful feeling to be where we belong.

The 1st Inf. Div., though, is but one part of the Fort Riley community. I welcome our new affiliation with other great units, to include the 3rd Brigade 1st Armored Division; the 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training

Support); the 2nd Brigade 91st Division (Training Support); our excellent medical and dental activities and other separate units who call Fort Riley home.

Together with the superb Fort Riley U.S. Army Garrison Command, we will work to maintain Fort Riley as the Army's premier Warfighting Center and as a post that achieves excellence in all we do. Though we may wear different patches on our shoulders, we truly are one team.

Our missions are complex, diverse and challenging. I place the highest priority on supporting those units and Soldiers who are deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. They and their fami-



**Maj. Gen. Carter Ham**

lies deserve our best efforts always.

A very close second priority are those units and Soldiers who are training and preparing to meet scheduled deployments. This includes our important mission to form, train and deploy transition teams to Iraq and Afghanistan. This mission is our main effort as it is these teams who will enable the security forces in Iraq and in Afghanistan to develop the skills, experience and abilities they need so that American and other Coalition forces may begin to come home over time.

Thirdly, we must build up combat forces in the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the Combat Aviation Brigade and the arriving sustainment brigade. Underpinning each of these priorities is the requirement to provide the facilities, services and programs necessary to support our Soldiers, families and civilian workforce and to make Fort Riley truly an installation of excellence.

For the Soldiers of Fort Riley, I ask that you continue to train hard. Be professional in your conduct on and off post. Dedicate yourself to physical and mental toughness, proficiency in battle skills and in care for your equipment. Commit yourself to operating safely, whether you are in the field, in the motor pool, in your barracks or off duty.

Watch out for each other — that's what Soldiers do. We take care of one another always and everywhere. Learn more about our division through veterans, alumni organizations and personal study. Sing the "Big Red One" song loudly and often. Take pride in knowing you are highly trained and ready to serve. Live the Soldiers Creed.

I am truly honored to serve alongside you. There is simply no place Christy and I would rather be than here at Fort Riley. Let's make our division, our post and our Army proud every day.

Duty First!

### Enlisted leader's message

## 'Big Red One' enters new, exciting period

**By Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman**  
1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley

It is an honor to serve as the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley command sergeant major during such a significant period in history.

This summer was one of great change for the division. On July 7, we officially cased our colors in Germany, and 10 years after leaving Fort Riley, we headed back home.

The transfer of authority ceremony Aug. 1 was an exciting day for the veterans, Soldiers, and friends of the "Big Red One." We not only uncased our colors on historic Cavalry Parade Field, marking the return of the division to Kansas, but we also welcomed Maj. Gen. Carter Ham as the 72nd commanding general of the "Big Red One" and post commander.

Having previously served in the "Big Red One," the commanding general comes to us with a "Duty First" attitude and is committed to accomplishing our complex missions, providing world-class Soldier and family support and making Fort Riley an even better place to serve. Please join my wife, Cindy, and I in welcoming Maj. Gen. Ham and his wife, Christy, to the team.

With Soldiers and families, moving trucks and equipment arriving daily, we are wasting no time getting focused on our new mission.

Many of our Soldiers are deployed to various locations around the globe in support of the Global War on Terrorism and support operations, and it is our duty to take care of these Soldiers and their families until they all return home. I ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers and continue your support to our Soldiers and their families.

Simultaneously, we continue



**CSM John Fourhman**

to prepare Soldiers to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan this fall, many as security force companies and others as transition teams. For these Soldiers and their families, know that we are thoroughly committed to taking care of you during these turbulent times.

Rely on your chain of command and Family Readiness Groups for information and support.

The 24th Infantry Division (Mech), the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support) and installation support agencies did a wonderful job of starting the Army's new mission of making Fort Riley the premier post for training Military Transition Teams.

Led by our 1st Brigade and assisted by the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, and many support units assigned to the post, this training will continue to evolve and is truly the future of our Army. We will continue to build and improve the realistic and challenging training the teams receive and the facilities they utilize to work, train and live.

We also continue to set the conditions for our 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and Combat Aviation Brigade to grow, train and prepare to support the war and the needs of our Army. It is a rare opportunity to stand a brigade up from the ground, let alone two.

In short, we are an Army at war, supporting a nation at war, supporting a nation at war, supporting a nation at war. Without the Soldiers who wake up each day living the division's motto,

without the families who sacrifice so much to keep the home front strong and without the civilian workforce backbone of this post and division, we could not be the great division we are today.

The next few years will be challenging as we continue to settle in and grow, all the while preparing to deploy, deploying and redeploying our forces; but, I know you are all up to the test. I want to thank each and every one of you for all the hard work you have done and will continue to do. Your commitment to excellence and to this post are to be commended.

Lastly, I ask that each Soldier, family member and civilian employee remember to treat one another with dignity and respect, look out for one another and keep safety in mind in everything we do. The "Big Red One" prides itself in upholding the Army's values, and I look to each of you to keep up that great reputation.

Again, Cindy and I are proud to continue to serve the Soldiers and families of the 1st Inf. Div. and look forward to meeting the Soldiers, civilian employees and families of the Fort Riley community.

Duty First!

### Grunt By Wayne Udden



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## Post, Army news briefly

### Event honors women's vote

The division Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor Fort Riley's celebration of Women's Equality Day from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Aug. 25 at Riley's Conference Center.

The theme for the celebration is "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote." The program is free and open to all Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and members of surrounding communities.

### Blood drive scheduled

The next Fort Riley blood drive is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 15 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 16 at Riley's conference center. For an appointment, call (800) GIVE LIFE. Walk-in donors are welcome.

### Hospital's offices move

Social Work Service and Community Mental Health Service have moved from Building 602 to Irwin Army Community Hospital. The services are located in Room BV-1, prior home of the OB/GYN Clinic.

Patients visiting these services will find convenient parking at the rear of the hospital. Phone numbers, 239-7208 and 239-7998 will remain in effect.

The Family Advocacy Program office will remain in Building 602 until a later date. FAP's new phone number is 239-7311.

For more information about the move, call 239-7208.

### Army offers \$500 reward

A \$500 reward is being offered by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the housebreaking and larceny of government property from Building 820 in the 97th Military Police Battalion motorpool.

The motorpool was broken into between 5:30 p.m. April 27 and 9 a.m. May 1.

Anyone with information concerning this incident should call the Fort Riley CID office at (785) 239-3932 or the MPs at (785) 239-6767.

### Warrant officer board slated

The next and last board for fiscal year 2006 is in September. The following warrant officer MOSs are in critical need:

21SD Geospatial Information Technician = 21U and 21S

311A CID Special Agent = 31D

350Z Attaché Technician = All MOSs with ASI 7

351L Counterintelligence Technician = 97B

351M Human Intelligence Collection Technician = 97E

352P Voice Intercept Technician (Korean) = 98G

352S Non Morse Intercept Technician = 98K

880A Marine Deck Officer = 88K

890A Ammunition Technician = 89B and 89D

913A Armament Repair Technician = 45B, 45G, and 45K

914A Allied Trades Technician = 44B and 44E

921A Airdrop Systems Technician = 92R

The Warrant Officer Career Center is giving credit for BNCOC, ANCO, and PLDC/WLC graduates towards WOCs. Instead of six weeks and four days, the class will be four weeks and four days as of Jan. 1.

For more information on becoming a U.S. Army Warrant Officer, visit [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) on the Web.



Veterans of the 16th Inf. Regt. Association check out one of the "Humvees" used by the Soldiers of 1st Bn., 16th Inf.

## 16th Regiment continued from page 1

trees," said retired Col. Jerry Griffin, motioning to the "Iron Rangers" in their Army Combat Uniforms, "they are the future of the association." Griffin, an association founder 17 years ago, said the association is important because it preserves the unit's history and gives the Soldiers something to belong to.

"Getting together and letting Soldiers know that just because we made history yesterday doesn't mean they aren't writing it now," was the importance of functions such as the gathering in front of the headquarters, Baker said.

Gathered on the hot Kansas afternoon, the Soldiers got the

chance to meet veterans and hear stories from World War II, Vietnam and the Gulf War, including some by Donlon.

Besides being there to take the experience home to share with his brother, Donlon met again with Griffin, a friend he first met in officer candidate school.

During his worst day in Vietnam, Donlon recalled, Griffin was the one who showed up with the relief for his unit and that cemented a friendship between the two.

Donlon took home more than just tales from the week-long event to his brother. During the 1st Inf. Div. transfer of authority ceremony, he picked up a special edition copy of Duty First maga-

zine, a quarterly division publication. After the ceremony, Donlon had Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., commander, and many of the "Iron Ranger" Soldiers sign the publication.

Donlon said he could just hear his brother's voice telling his grandchildren about the signatures scrawled across the pages of the memento.

About 60 veterans were on hand for the DMOR ceremony and to pass on the history of their regiment during the week.



Veterans of the 16th Inf. Regt. Association get a feel for weapons used today by Soldiers of 1st Bn., 16th Inf. The group was on post the week of Aug. 1 for their Distinguished Member of the Regiment ceremony.

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Photo by Chap. (Lt. Col.) D. Erich Schwartz

## Now do you remember me?

Chap. and retired major general Orris Kelly (left) greets retired 1st Sgt. Kenneth Bender 45 years after they were stationed together in Korea. To spark Kelly's memory, Bender holds up a photo of himself as a young Soldier. Bender, now 75, credits Kelly for helping him immensely with spiritual and personal issues. The two Soldiers met again for the first time at a lunch at Morris Hill Chapel, Aug. 3, to honor Kelly's 80th birthday on July 28. More than 40 chaplains, chaplain's assistants, civilian ministry team members, spouses and other guests attended the lunch to honor the former chief of chaplains, who now lives in Manhattan and continues to be an avid supporter of the Fort Riley community.

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## DoD sets next unit rotations

Staff report

The Department of Defense has announced the major units scheduled to deploy as part of the next rotation of forces operating in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The rotations are scheduled beginning late this year.

The major units announced for deployment to Afghanistan include the 82nd Airborne Division headquarters and the 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

For Operation Iraqi Freedom, the major units announced for rotation include the 1st Brigade and 4th Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; Regimental Combat Teams 2 and 6 at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Stewart, Ga.

Additionally, the Secretary of Defense approved a request by the Commander of Multi-National Forces-Iraq to extend the deployment of the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team operating in Iraq for up to 120 additional days.

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# Commander learns conflict resolution

## 1st Engineer Battalion officer uses K-State course to improve skills

By **Somer Sampleton**  
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN, Kan. — As the Company D commander for the 1st Engineer Battalion at Fort Riley, Capt. Jen Kirk understands the complexity of conflict.

As she and her company prepare for duty in Iraq in the fall, they know they will experience conflict firsthand.

But Kirk now feels well-equipped to meet this challenge, thanks to the improved conflict resolution skills she developed through the conflict resolution certificate program offered by Kansas State University.

The program has become popular with many people in government, business and, most recently, the military, said K-State's Terrie McCants, the program's coordinator.

### Courses offered at Fort Riley

Courses are offered at Fort Riley and on K-State's Manhattan campus through Evening College and will be available through distance education starting this fall.

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The courses explore the nature and dynamics of conflict as well as the tools of communication and mediation that help people create a positive working environment and resolve issues before they become larger problems, McCants said.

Kirk began taking the courses on post at Fort Riley after seeing a flyer about the program.

"I was very lucky. I saw a flyer and went to the education office at Fort Riley. I needed something offered at night and I knew the program would be great for personal and professional development. I had nothing to lose, so I signed up."

Kirk believes her instincts about the program have paid off. She has had many opportunities to use her new skills when dealing with the members of her own company as their deployment date approaches.

"There's a lot of conflict and stress among the Soldiers and their families, and I help them with all aspects of their life," Kirk said.

Kirk has been very impressed with the class material and the enthusiasm for the program shown by McCants, an instructor

in K-State's School of Family Studies and Human Services.

"She's the greatest; she gave me the desire to learn on my own," Kirk said. "She's really passionate about the program and you can see her use the same skills she teaches whether she's leading classes or facilitating discussions."

"I attended one of her round-table discussions where the topic was about the war. Obviously, there were lots of varying opinions, but she facilitated very well and everyone left feeling like they had been heard and that they were validated. It was really cool," she said.

### Kirk: Mediation skills serve military well

Kirk believes the mediation skills she has developed as a result of the program would serve military people well since they must learn to adapt to a high-stress environment. She's looking forward to applying her new skills.

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One of the techniques Kirk said she has found to be most effective at dispelling conflict is to visualize the conflict in terms of a bar graph.

As emotions start to rise in intensity, the participants should acknowledge their mutual tension while also describing their feelings to each other.

The purpose of the bar graph is to mentally picture a leveling effect while appreciating the other person's point of view.

"This technique sounds so silly, but it works if you're in conflict," she said. "To the other person, you would say, 'OK, I see what you're saying that bothers you, but I also don't like this.'"

Since starting the program, Kirk has shared her enthusiasm

for it with many other people.

"I sent an e-mail to all the officers I knew and I recruited one. It's great for someone who may be looking for classes for a master's program," she said.

More information on K-State's conflict resolution certificate program is available through the Division of Continuing Education at (800) 622-2578 or online at <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conflictresolution/>.

*Editor's note: Capt. Kirk has been pinpointed to serve as the rear detachment commander while 1st Engineer Battalion is deployed to Iraq.*

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Lt. Col. James R. Crider (front left), 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav., commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. John Jones (front right) uncased the 1st Sqdn. colors during a reflagging ceremony Aug. 1 at Raider Field. The squadron reflagged from 2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav.

## 'Quarter Horse' returns to Fort Riley

### Squadron reflags, becomes 1st Sqdn. instead of 2nd Sqdn.

By Robert Timmons

4th IBCT Public Affairs

The scouts of 2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, officially became members of 1st Squadron, 4th Cav. Regt., in a reflagging ceremony Aug. 1 at Fort Riley's Raider Field on Custer Hill.

Lt. Col. James R. Crider, 1st Bn., 4th Cav., commander said he felt Fort Riley was the appropriate place for the ceremony.

"In many ways, I think it's appropriate that we are having this ceremony on a hot, dry Kansas day on Fort Riley," Crider said. "The link between Fort Riley and the 4th Cav. reaches

back to 1857 when the first troopers from our famed regiment were stationed right here on this ground."

During the ceremony, Crider and Command Sgt. Maj. John Jones, squadron sergeant major, cased the old colors and unfurled the squadron's new standard with its many combat streamers to billow in the gusty air.

Crider said the history of the 1st Bn., 4th Cav., sometimes referred to as the "Quarter Horse," is remarkable.

"Just a casual glance at the streamers atop our colors tell the story of the historic unit," he said.

He added that through its history regimental troopers have been

awarded 30 Medals of Honor with one trooper receiving the award twice.

The regiment was established in 1856, and in 1857 it saw "peace-keeping" duty during "Bleeding Kansas" times characterized by violent battles between free and pro-slavery forces.

It was dissolved in 1861 with the outbreak of the Civil War.

The regiment was reformed later and fought at the battles of the First Bull Run, the Peninsula, Fredericksburg, Antietam, Chickamauga, Murfreesboro and Nashville.

At the end of the war, the regiment captured Jefferson Davis, the Confederacy's fugitive president.

After the war, the regiment fought one of the last battles of the Indian Wars when it pursued Geronimo's Apaches in 1886.

The regiment fought in Normandy and the Huerfeno Forest during World War II. The 1st Bn., 4th Cav., went to Vietnam as a division cavalry unit in 1965. It fought in Vietnam for the following eight years.

Since then, the "Quarter Horse" has seen action in Operation Desert Storm, Bosnia, Kosovo and Iraq.

Crider told his troops, "Be proud you serve, and the fact you have been given the opportunity to serve in a unit like the 1-4 Cav."

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## 3rd Brigade riders share safety tips

3rd BCT

Motorcycle riders assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team participated in a motorcycle safety rodeo Aug. 4. Seventy "Bulldog" Soldiers took part in the event, which was intended to be a proactive and positive experience emphasizing motorcycle safety.

Sgt. Maj. Lance Lehr, the brigade's S3 sergeant major, organized the event. He said the overall goal of the class was to develop safer riders by learning from other experienced riders present at the class and to build a camaraderie between them.

The "Bulldogs" conducted the rodeo as part of the brigade's and the Army's developing Motorcycle Mentorship Program.

The morning consisted of several skilled riders speaking about their past experiences. Master Sgt. Chris Sommerville, the 97th Military Police

Battalion operations sergeant major, has been riding for more than 33 years. He said that all Soldiers need to drive proactively and defensively at all times because survivability is the key. He went on to say that speed, failure to negotiate a turn and inexperience are the top three factors that contribute to accidents.

"Know your limitations," Sommerville said, "and this course is the best way to practice your limitations."

The "Bulldog's" commander, Col. Norbert Jocz, said he was very grateful for all of the participation. He said the class was a great preventative measure taken by the Soldiers to help reduce the risk of accidents.

The day concluded with a safety brief, an inspection of the motorcycles and personal protection equipment and a 20-mile group ride to the town of Riley. The group ride teamed novice riders with experienced riders.

# Airfield tower to open

By Deb Skidmore

Media Relations Officer

The Class D airspace over Marshall Army Airfield will no longer be open flying for private and commercial pilots now that Fort Riley is adding a Combat Aviation Brigade at the airfield.

The addition of about 120 helicopters to the post's equipment inventory will make a big impact on the airspace over the airfield, Ralph Millard, air traffic control chief at Marshall Army Airfield told a group of local pilots meeting at Freeman Field, the Junction City airport, July 19.

One of those impacts will be the requirement for civilian pilots to notify the control tower at the airfield before they fly through the Class D airspace above the airfield beginning Aug. 14, Millard said.

The more obvious impact of adding all Black Hawk, Apache, Chinook and Kiowa helicopters will be increased military flying in and out of the airfield and in the region and an increased amount of closed traffic at the Junction City airport, he said.

Millard explained that about 75 helicopters were assigned to Fort

Riley before the 1st Infantry Division (Mech) headquarters moved to Germany in 1996. After that, the post only hosted the 82nd Medical Company (Air Assault) that is deployed to Iraq on its third rotation. Before, the airfield supported rotary and fixed wing aircraft.

"Now in 2006, we can expect approximately 120 helicopters to be assigned at the post airfield," Millard said, "and our airfield control tower is set to open Aug. 14."

"A major change, however, is that the airfield will not support fixed wing aircraft now," he said. "It will only support our Army helicopters."

Millard told the group that the advantages of the Marshall Army Airfield control tower opening would far outweigh the disadvantages. He said the advantages include:

- If a local pilot cannot reach Kansas City Center, the Marshall Army Airfield control tower can assist by relaying clearances and cancellations because the tower will have a direct line to Kansas City Center.

- If a pilot were to have a malfunction while flying or get

caught in bad weather, the post's new radar facility has the equipment to allow controllers to talk the pilot through a landing over their radio.

- The post has hired seasoned air controllers with an average of 10 years of experience.

- The post has put personnel on board with 12 to 15 years of supervisory experience.

Troy Mattingly, Marshall Army Airfield manager, told the group that the end state of the control tower will be a 24-7 operation. However, until more people are hired, the plan for the tower is to be open 16 hours a day.

"Right now, it will not be open on weekends and federal holidays," he said.

Mattingly said three new hangars are being built on Marshall Army Airfield as well as a new and improved runway.

"There is \$500 million worth of construction going on out there," he said.

Before the tower opens however, Mattingly said the Department of the Army is coming to look over the equipment. "It must be approved by the DA and the FAA (Federal Aviation Agency)," he said.

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## Community news briefly

### New classes start in September

Child and Youth Services will start some new classes starting in September, including gymnastics, cheerleading and dance, private piano lessons, SAT preparation and math tutoring for middle and high school students.

For the most current information about dates, go to [www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family/CYS/MiddleSch/Inst-Classes.asp](http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family/CYS/MiddleSch/Inst-Classes.asp) on the Web.

### Parents offered 'time out' class

The New Parent Support Program at Fort Riley will host a "How to Effectively Use Time-Out with Your Child" class from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 24 at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

This session will help parents increase cooperative behavior from their children and teach the effective use of "time-out," to include how to keep them in time-out.

Child care for up to 20 children will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents must provide shot records and RSVP by noon Aug. 22.

Call the SFSC at 239-9435.

### Families invited to barbecue

The staff at the Main Post Chapel invites Fort Riley families to their second annual Welcome to Fort Riley Barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 20.

The outing offers the chance to meet neighbors, listen to gospel country music and enjoy barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs.

Games and activities are planned for the whole family, as well as information regarding children, teen and adult ministries. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert and lawn chairs.

The Main Post Chapel is located at 6 Barry Ave., off Huebner Road.

For more information, call 239-6597.

### Enlisted spouses to kick off year

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses' Club is holding its annual Kick-Off at 3 p.m. Aug. 19 in Wyman Park across from the shoppette on Huebner Road. It will be an ice cream social with a moon bounce and temporary tattoos for the kids.

Spouses can pick up information about the ESC and other post organizations from booths set up in the park.

### Fair admits military free

Everyone showing a military ID card will be admitted free to the state fair in Hutchinson, Kan., Sept. 17.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## Picerne program office to relocate



By Cassidy Hill  
Communications manager

Picerne Military Housing's Program Office will relocate from 211 Custer Ave. to 2460-A G St. Aug. 17-18. The new Program Office location will be across the street from the Shoppette on Trooper Drive.

At noon on Aug. 17, all e-mail

and phone connections in the Program Office, the Neighborhood Offices and the Relocation Office will be down.

The Neighborhood and Relocation Offices will remain open for business as usual.

Residents are encouraged to call the following phone numbers or visit their Neighborhood Offices for any service requests or other property management

needs, including emergency work orders.

### Neighborhood offices

Colyer Manor - 717-3526 or 717-3527

Ellis Heights - 717-3227 or 717-3328

Historic Main Post - 717-3405 or 717-3406

McClellan Place - 784-5317 or

784-5318

Peterson Place - 717-1550 or

717-1551

Warner Heights - 717-1530 or 717-1531

The regular Neighborhood Office phone numbers and e-mail will be operational again by the end of the day on Aug. 18.

For more information, please call (785) 717-2200.

## Fun, sun



Crystal Price (left) and her son and daughter (left side of table) look at elk antlers and animal pelts displayed by one of the post's game wardens, Jason Harrold, talking to Red Olsen of Winthrop, Iowa. Olsen was visiting his son at Fort Riley and came out to see the displays at the National Night Out Against Crime observance Aug. 1.

## Night Out draws many despite heat

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Hot winds kept the climbing wall lying on its trailer and the movie screen from being erected Aug. 1.

Even in the heat and wind, however, about 250 family members braved the elements to participate in the post's annual participation in the National Night Out Against Crime at Cavalry Parade Field, said post Police Officer Tom Desjardins, who coordinated the event.

Even with temperatures close to 100

degrees Fahrenheit, the inflatable obstacle course bounced continually as excited children ran through it barefooted.

Under a tree that provided little shade, Staff Sgt. Ryan McCarthy of the Provost Marshal's Civil Liaison staff and Josh Duerfeldt of the Target store in Manhattan created even more heat by grilling hot dogs served free with a drink and cookies.

At one point, McCarthy went to the drink coolers to get some cold bottles of water for his hands because they were so hot from grilling.

Tables set up under a canvas shelter got some respite from the heat while the peo-

ple sitting at them passed out information of interest to post families. One table distributed Girl Scout information.

Game Warden Jason Harrold set up a table with an elk's antler and the pelts of several types of wildlife found at Fort Riley. Fort Riley employs three full-time game wardens and provides seven or eight military policemen to help in those duties, Harrold said.

Police Officer Christopher Blodgett's daughter, Ashley, helped pass out child identification kits parents could use to

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## 82nd Med. families meet face-to-face via satellite

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Sixteen Fort Riley families spoke to loved ones deployed to Iraq face-to-face Aug. 6, thanks to efforts of the unit's rear detachment, the Freedom Call Foundation and Kansas State University communications experts.

Members of the 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) spent 30 minutes talking via video teleconferencing time set up via satellite by Chief Warrant Officer Gary Doak, the Rear Detachment commander; John Harlow II, executive director of the Freedom Call Foundation, and communications staff at the Educational Communications Center in Robert Dole Hall on the KSU campus.

It was the second time in two months 82nd Med. Co. family members could talk with deployed spouses, Doak said. He arranged for new people to talk with spouses this month so no one



Amy Heine (left monitor) sits with her three children, (from left) 1-year-old Jorja, 2-year-old Ava and 6-year-old Stella, in Manhattan, Kan., and Capt. William Heine sits in Iraq during a video teleconference family call Aug. 6 set up by the Freedom Calls Foundation, Kansas State University and the 82nd Med. Co. (AA) Rear Detachment at Fort Riley.

would be repeating. But, "I have three repeats on standby," he said.

Calling times were scheduled

beginning at 8 a.m. The calls went to the U.S. Marine Corps unit in Al Asaad that the Fort Riley heli-

copter company is supporting during this deployment.

The first session of video tele-

conference calls was scheduled early in July, Doak said. Satellite problems cut short one family member's call, so she was given a chance to make a call this time, he said.

The VTC gave Sgt. Leon Martinez the chance to share his son, Joshua's, fourth birthday in person.

Amy Heine showed up with her three daughters, 6-year-old Stella, 2-year-old Ava and 1-year-old Jorja, for the 9 a.m. call. She and husband, Capt. William Heine, communicate almost daily via e-mail and by phone about every other day, she said, but she was glad for the VTC opportunity.

"It was great, especially for the kids to see him," she said. It was good for her husband, too, she said. "He got to see them moving around and how tall they've grown."

Stella acted more bashful than normal, her mother said, but she

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## Post, Army news briefly

### Library features 'fractured tales'

"Fractured Fairytales" will be featured during August story times at the post library. All Fort Riley families are welcome to attend story times at 1:30 or 4 p.m. every Saturday. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

On August 12, the wolf in the story about the Three Little Pigs tells his story in "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" by John Scieszka.

On August 19, the Frog Prince tells what really happened to the frog the princess kissed in "The Frog Prince Continued" by John Scieszka.

The Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (of beanstalk fame) and Three Silly Billies team up to outwit an ugly Troll who demands money to cross the "troll" bridge. "The Three Silly Billies" by Marge Palatini is featured on August 26.

The post library is located in Building 5306, Hood Drive, on Custer Hill. For more information, call 239-5305.

### Club schedules welcome coffee:

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host its annual welcome coffee from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 17 at Quarters 5 on Barry Avenue in the Main Post area of Fort Riley.

The coffee is an open house to greet and welcome spouses of officers and civilian employees in grade GS-7 and above who are new to the Fort Riley area. The coffee offers newcomers an opportunity to see what Fort Riley's OCSC is all about and to get a glimpse of the upcoming year's activities and planned charity contributions.

Child care is available through the Armed Services YMCA and Fort Riley's Child Development Center on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Stephanie Seigel at (785) 784-4298 to review child care policies and to make child care reservations.

Those who wish to attend should RSVP to their commander's spouse or coffee group or by calling Holly Smith at (785) 784-8454 by Aug. 15.

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## AAFES offering store, Web school 'deals'

### AAFES

DALLAS — Parents of school-age children are expected to shell out an average of \$527 this summer on back-to-school items, up from last year's average of \$444, according to a recent National Retail Federation study.

Parents in the handful of states that offer select "tax holidays" are often forced to fight crowds of last-minute shoppers or resort to driving all over town to find the best deals on clothes, office supplies, shoes and sporting goods.

Military families are entitled to tax-free shopping every day of the year at their base and post exchanges. In addition to forgoing sales tax, authorized Army and Air Force Exchange Service customers enjoy competitively low prices that average more than 20 percent less than comparable retailers.

"All of the tools we employ to position the BX/PX as a price leader are designed to reinforce that AAFES saves military families money every day," said AAFES Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton. "The tax relief the military community enjoys 365 days a year is an inherent part of the exchange benefit troops have come to depend on."

Should AAFES not offer the

lowest price on an item, the BX/PX will match competitors' current, local price on any identical stock assortment. In addition to this same-day pledge, AAFES also offers a 30-day price guarantee on any item originally purchased from AAFES and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES or another local competitor, excluding unauthorized dealers and warehouse clubs.

"While most PX/BXs can't accommodate the millions of school supplies on the market, the Exchange Online Store and Exchange Online Mail help ensure AAFES always has the right products at the right prices," Eaton said. "Summer, fall, winter or spring, the extensive selection of back-to-school options available is just another example of AAFES' commitment to deliver year-round value and support to every member of the military family."

Beyond 148 "brick and mortar" exchanges scattered throughout the globe, AAFES' 11.5 million authorized customers can choose from an array of affordable, tax-free items through the Exchange Online Store at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, this virtual exchange offers such back-to-school basics as school uniforms by Cherokee, electronics and athletic gear.

Thousands of additional products discounted up to 15 percent are also available at the Exchange Online Mall. Authorized customers need only to log on to [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and go into the "Shop Your Online Mall" section to access more than 4,000 uniform fashions and accessories from French Toast; 100,000 pairs of comfort, walking, dress and casual footwear from Peltz Shoes; as well as a full selection of sports and fitness products from eSportsonline, just to name a few.

### Bowhunter course set

The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group will sponsor an International Bowhunter Education Course given by the Kansas Bowhunters Association Aug. 26 at the Conservation Office on Fort Riley.

Registration will be from 7:30 to 8 a.m. The class will run from 8 a.m. to about 5:30 p.m. with an hour lunch break at noon.

Instruction will include bowhunting safety, responsibilities as a bowhunter, ethics, game laws, equipment and equipment safety, identifying game sign and overview of tree stands, ground blinds, steps, body harnesses, etc.

Students will be required to pass a written a test to be certified.

Hunters can sign up for this class at Building 1020, Huebner Road.

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Sgt. Johnnie Dorsey (sitting in driver's seat) shows people how he can alter the type of siren that blows from his D.A.R.E. car Aug. 1 at the National Night Out Against Crime event on post. Dorsey is the school resource officer for post schools.

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## Night Out

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record their children's fingerprints and a sample of their blood. The Provost Marshal's Office provided the kits free so parents would have the records should their child ever turn up missing, he said.

A little ways across the parade field, in front of the bleachers, Sgt. Johnnie Dorsey sat in his D.A.R.E. vehicle and showed children how he could change the sound of the car's siren just by turning a knob on the center console.

Dorsey, the school resource officer for all post schools, also showed how he used a tuning fork to make sure his speed radar equipment was working.

Other attractions for the National Night Out Against Crime included the PMO's mobile command center vehicle, K-9 demonstrations and a walk through the Main Post neighborhood by about 50 people, many of them small children, who had pledged to be on the lookout for crime in their

neighborhoods and to take an active role in reporting suspicious activity.

The original plan had been to walk from Cavalry Parade Field to Riley's Conference Center and back, but the presence of so many small children on the walk and the heat called for a modification of that plan, Desjardins said.

Mike Heronemus can be contacted at [mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil](mailto:mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil) or 239-8854.

Spc. Rachel Weimar, a member of the military police bike patrol, hands a drink to one of the family members attending the National Night Out Against Crime observance at Fort Riley's Cavalry Parade Field.

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# Preventative Medicine covers many areas

By Elizabeth Sites  
PM Admin. Assistant

“What is preventive medicine?” I asked myself after agreeing to take a position in Irwin Army Community Hospital’s Preventive Medicine Service. Many hospital staffers questioned me as to why I wanted to work in a place that dealt with “dirty things” and why would I want to risk taking something home to my family. Hepatitis? Tuberculosis? What stuff? Any number of other viruses or diseases?

I have been in PM for almost 21 years and haven’t taken any “dirty things” home.

A side benefit to working in PM is that I’m still learning new things.

PM is like a large umbrella that covers occupational health, industrial hygiene, environmental health, Army public health nursing and epidemiology and disease control. We are the eyes and ears for the director of health services concerning all the health and environmental issues for all of Fort Riley and its area of responsibility.

Army public health nurses work with active duty Soldiers, retirees and their families in disease surveillance. They hold weekly TB clinics and various classes, including tobacco cessation, active duty pregnancy physical training, sexually transmitted diseases and Human



## FOR YOUR HEALTH

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IACH’s APHN investigates cases of communicable diseases in the Fort Riley’s population. Parents are given instructions on how to poison-proof their home.

The APHN also must inspect Family Child Care homes on post to ensure that children are being taken care of in a safe environment.

That responsibility extends to inspection of the Child Development Center and the after school programs. APHNs work with behavioral health and the local social agencies as well.

The hospital’s epidemiology and disease control section falls under the APHN. This section deals with infection control, sexually transmitted diseases and other types of communicable diseases.

Medical Department Activity and Dental Activity civil service employees are familiar with pre-appointment job physicals and the in-processing they do. The occupational health staff performs pre-appointment physicals on civilian employees for the entire installation, too.

OH manages the hearing conservation and medical surveil-

lance programs for installation civilian employees, performs pregnancy surveillance screening on active duty Soldiers and manages blood-borne pathogen exposures for civilian and active duty members on the installation.

OH performs deployment physicals on DA deploying civilian employees. Appropriated and non-appropriated civilian employees injured on the job can receive OH assistance. OH also manages immunizations for installation civilian employees who must have them to do their jobs.

The industrial hygiene staff works very closely with OH. IH handles the health hazard inventories and measures ventilation, mercury vapor, lighting, sound levels, waste anesthetic gas levels and ergonomics throughout Fort Riley.

Environmental health employees ensure the food and water on this installa-

tion are safe for consumption and that food is prepared and stored properly in all eating establishments. The civilian EH tech works very closely with the Directorate of Public Works regarding water (post water is checked weekly) and with entomology concerns, including tick and mosquito issues. PM also handles food and waterborne outbreaks, monitors the post pest control program and the sanitary conditions of the swimming pools and gyms.

The environmental science officer assigned at MEDDAC is chief of Environmental Health. Some of her duties include hazardous waste handling and disposal, radiation protection and sanitary landfill inspections. She is technical advisor to the chief of PM, Director of Health Services and post safety and public works directors and works closely with MEDDAC’s safety manager, infection control and logistics departments.

All this comprises the Preventive Medicine Service at IACH.

For more information or answers to questions, call 239-7386.

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told her father about the school supplies she had to have for first grade, mom reported after the call.

“He said he wants to jump on the trampoline with me when he gets home,” Stella was finally coaxed to say.

Mom explained that she and the girls had surprised daddy with a trampoline when he came home in June for rest and recuperation leave. “They did a lot of jumping on it then,” she said.

Heine said she wasn’t surprised that the company jumped at the chance to set up the VTC calls. “They’re always setting up children’s activities. We have an FRG (Family Readiness Group) meeting each month and dustoff dinners monthly,” she said.

The dustoff dinners allow the stay-behind spouses to have dinner together and just talk and enjoy some time together, she explained.

## Freedom Calls

*Freedom Calls Foundation is a charity that has built a satellite network to support free state of the art communications for military families.*

*The foundation’s satellite network is connected to Freedom Calls facilities situated in military camps in Iraq under the authority of the Department of the Army and U.S. Marine Corps.*

*At present, the foundation has three facilities in Iraq with 50 computers and 20 telephones at Camp Taji north of Baghdad and video-conferencing facilities at Camp Falluja and Al Asaad Airbase.*

*For more information about Freedom Calls Foundation, visit [www.freedom-calls.org](http://www.freedom-calls.org) on the Web.*

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# Fort Riley Sports & Recreation

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, August 11, 2006

## Sports news in brief

### Golfer makes hole in one

Capt. Clayton Williams hit a hole in one at Hole No. 7 of the Custer Hill Golf Course Aug. 2 during the 3rd Brigade tournament, reported Dave Crawley, golf course manager. Williams hit the par 3, 183-yard shot with his 6 iron.

### Outdoorsmen invite hunters

The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group will sponsor an evening presentation about hunting rules on post. The presentation will be given by a member of the post's Environmental Division at 7 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Conservation Office on Huebner Road.

Alan Hynek, supervisory fish and wildlife biologist on post, will provide information about changes to Fort Riley Regulation 210-15, including hunter safety requirements, permit fee changes, revocation and suspension schedules and vehicle markers.

He also will present a talk on "How to Hunt on Fort Riley."

A grill will be available at 6 p.m. for anyone who wishes to grill their supper before the presentation.

### Mixed bowling league organizing

A new mixed bowling league will begin play at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at Custer Hill Bowling Center on post.

The "Friday Night Mixed League" is being billed as a "fun league." Bowlers can sign up at the bowling center or call (785) 238-6769.

### Junior golf scheduled

Junior golf will be held for kids ages 5 through 18 at Custer Hill Golf Course Aug. 29 to Oct. 3.

Golfers ages 5 through 10 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Golfers ages 11 through 18 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is \$60 for six weeks. Ten spaces will be available in each class.

### Outdoor rec plans canoe trip

Authorized users of the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center can sign up for an upcoming canoe trip on the Kansas River.

The Aug. 19 trip totals 10.3 miles from the U.S. Highway 24 Bridge to St. George. Participants should plan to be gone between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Cost per person is \$15, which includes rental fees for canoe, paddles and life vest and transportation to and from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Anyone interested should register at the Outdoor Recreation Center, 9011 Rifle Range Road.

For more information, call 239-2363.

## Dragon Week



4th IBCT/Timmons

A 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, Soldier dives for the ball during the volleyball competition Aug. 3. The match was part of the 4th IBCT's Dragon Week.

## 610th BSB named week's top 'Dragons'

By Robert Timmons  
4th IBCT Public Affairs

All week, July 31 through Aug. 4, Soldiers of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team "tough" each other in friendly battles to see which battalion or squadron were the top Dragons.

When the "wars" ended, 610th Brigade Support Battalion claimed those honors at an Aug. 4 award ceremony at Pacesetter Field on Custer Hill that officially ended Dragon Week.

Because of the brigade's tough training since January, the brigade leadership chose to hold Dragon Week to coincide with the "Big Red One's" return to Fort Riley.

"I am very proud of you, my hat's off to you," said Col. Ricky D. Gibbs, 4th IBCT commander, to the entire brigade assembled for the awards ceremony. "I know what you do is hard. I have been there, done that. I know what you do is tough, and it's going to get tougher. I am going to make it tougher on you, because if we go anywhere it's going to be tough."

### More Dragon Week

Read more about Dragon Week and which teams won each competition on page 16.

Gibbs added that the brigade's training will be rigorous enough for the 4th IBCT to accomplish the mission no matter how difficult the circumstances.

"This event is about having fun, teamwork and getting physically fit," Gibbs said. "It all boils down to when we go to the battlefield, whenever and wherever we go, we don't leave anybody behind."

The organizational week included softball, soccer, volleyball, tug of war, combatives, the "Dragon Mile" company 4-mile run, the Dragon Marathon and the Iron Dragon – all events that tested the teamwork, toughness and physical fitness of 4th IBCT Soldiers and units.

Sgt. Christopher Schulze, who ran a BB-gun range during Dragon Week, said

the event was a way to motivate Soldiers. The range, set up at the brigade engagement skill trainer site, was one of many smaller events set up for brigade family members. The others included horseshoes, a dunk tank and an inflatable bounce house for kids.

"It's important to give the guys time to relax and have some fun," Schulze said. "It gets them motivated so they can do their jobs more efficiently."

Spec. David Andrews agreed with Schulze. "If you give these guys something to concentrate on, you will find they will take their jobs more seriously," he said.

Andrews said that Dragon Week was also a great way for the brigade to come together as a team. "Competition between units is a good way to see how different units work together," he added.

When Gibbs named the 610th BSB as overall winner, the portion of the crowd wearing BSB T-shirts erupted into cheering. The overall cup was awarded to the 610th BSB for winning soccer, softball, combatives and taking third place in the Dragon Mile.



1st Inf. Div. PAO/Clarke

Soldiers from the 610th BSB dig their feet into the ground in attempt to hold their position during the Dragon Week tug of war competition.

## JC Generals teach 'Black Lion' cubs baseball skills

By Sean McCoy  
4th IBCT

"Black Lions" families converged on Rathert Stadium in Junction City July 29 to attend a baseball clinic hosted by the JC Generals summer league baseball team.

More than a dozen children and their families of 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, attended the event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to hone their baseball skills and to meet some of their favorite local players.

JC Generals Team Manager Terry "Yogi" Cox organized the event at no cost to "Black Lion" families, taking the opportunity to generate a lasting interest in baseball and to give something back to the military families at Fort Riley and surrounding areas.

Ten players gave up their time to conduct the clinic. The players were shortstop Nate Tenbrink, catchers Dan Wise and Cooper Stewart, third baseman A.J. Shindler, centerfielder J.J. Muse, first baseman Rawley Bishop and pitchers Kyle Smith, Jeremy Hauer, Brendan Higgins and Mike Cox.

"I told these guys what it is that you guys do every day for us and for the country," Cox said of his players' willingness to support the local military community. "The players were impressed and volunteered to come in and put on this camp for the Soldiers and their families."

The clinic began with an introduction to the Generals players, followed by a player-led warm-up session. "Black Lions" youth learned the importance of stretching and warm-up exercises before

undertaking any kind of athletic or physical activity.

The Generals then broke up into several stations to teach the fundamentals of pitching, catching, throwing and fielding. "Black Lions" youth received one-on-one coaching at each of the stations.

At the end of the day, the "Black Lions" youngsters received a chance to display their newly honed skills by playing a scrimmage game with the Generals.

Cox provided all participants in the clinic with JC Generals baseball cards, allowing the children the opportunity to get the autographs of all their favorite Generals players.

The JC Generals have finished their inaugural year in the Central Plains Baseball League with a winning season.



4th IBCT/McCoy

One of the 'Black Lion' kids at the JC General's baseball clinic takes his turn at bat.

## Dog days of summer not new

By Alan Hynek  
Fish and wildlife biologist

Doggone it has been hot! The dog days of summer are definitely upon us. But how hot is it compared to the past?

Surprisingly, the hot weather we've seen over the past couple of week's pales in comparison to some of the hot stretches of Kansas history.

The searing heat of the summer of 1980 is still etched in the minds of many of the local residents. Starting in late June, the

### On the Wildside: News About Nature

thermometer began reaching the century mark and did not let up until September. The temperature hit 100 degrees on 20 of 31 days in July that year. All that heat was coupled with a severe drought that brought only 15 percent of the normal rainfall expected for June and July.

#### Want a little hotter?

Try the summer of 1934 that produced two 13-day periods that reached the century mark or above. That was the start of the

infamous dust bowl years of the mid-1930s that produced enormous clouds of rolling dust across the Great Plains.

#### Want hotter still?

Try the unprecedented heat wave of 1936 that produced many of the daily and seasonal high temperature records that stand today. Three of the most remarkable hot weather events occurred in 1936, with records

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## Trouble finds Army driver 2 laps into race

Army News Service

SPEEDWAY, Ind. – The All-state 400 at the Brickyard Aug. 6 wasn't two laps old when trouble found Army driver Joe Nemechek at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"I just radioed Ryan (crew chief, Pemberton) to tell him the car was awesome and then the No. 1 car (Martin Truex) left, reared me and got me sideways," Nemechek said. "I brushed the wall as I was trying to save the Army Chevy from getting out of

control. Unfortunately we suffered damage to the left rear quarter panel and that hurt us for the rest of the race."

After the incident, Nemechek made an unscheduled pit stop to repair the damage and fell back to 43rd place. He fought back to finish 24th in the 400-mile event at the famed 2.5-mile oval.

"When we had sub-par runs, nothing seemed to happen to us," Nemechek noted. "Now that we're making performance

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## Softball scores & standings

### National League Scores

<b>Aug. 1</b> Co. D, 610th BSB, defeated Co. G, 610th BSB, 30-7 Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn., defeated 24th Trans. Co. 20-9 HHC, 3rd BCT, defeated Co. D, 610th BSB, 15-8 Co. E, 610th BSB, defeated HHC, 3rd BCT, 18-12 Co. E, 610th BSB, defeated Co. A, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, 12-6 2nd Bn., 1st Aviation, defeated Co. B, 610th BSB, 23-10 2nd Bn., 1st Aviation, won by forfeit over Co. C, 610th BSB	24th Trans. Co. 17-11 <b>Aug. 7</b> 24th Trans. Co. defeated 2nd Bn., 1st Aviation, 18-13 2nd Bn., 1st Aviation, won by forfeit over 2/2 HET 3rd Bn., 362nd Regt., defeated Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 7-6 3rd Bn., 362nd Regt., defeated Svc. Btry., 4th Bn., 1st FA, 13-5 Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn., defeated 172nd Chem. Co. 22-3 Co. B, 125th FSB, won by forfeit over 1st Maint. Co. Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., defeated Co. G, 610th BSB, 25-19 Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., won by forfeit over 2/2 HET
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### National League Standings (as of August 7)

	Wins	Losses
HHC, 3rd BCT	4	13
Co. B, 125th FSB, defeated 172nd Chem. Co. 18-6	9	7
Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., defeated Co. E, 610th BSB, 17-2	12	5
Co. C, 1st Bn., 13th Armor, won by forfeit over CGMCG	4	7
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, won by forfeit over 2/2 HET	14	8
Co. B, 610th BSB, defeated Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., 13-12	11	11
Co. C, 610th BSB, defeated HHC, 3rd BCT, defeated Co. G, 610th BSB, 19-15	18	3
Co. C, 1st Bn., 13th Armor, defeated	13	8
HHC, 3rd BCT	6	13
HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.	10	10
2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav	14	3
Btry. A, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA	6	14
Co. A, 610th BSB	4	19
Co. B, 610th BSB	11	9
Co. C, 610th BSB	3	15

### American League Scores

<b>Aug. 1</b> 15th Finance won by forfeit over 2nd Bn., 356th Regt. 977th MP Co. defeated 2nd Bn., 356th Regt. 22-5 Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated 977th MP Co. 23-7 Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated 15th Finance 21-11 Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, defeated Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 23-10 HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated 116th MP Co. 17-4 MEDDAC/DENTAC defeated Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 25-3 116th MP Co. defeated HHC/Co. A, 101st FSB, 21-8 <b>Aug. 3</b> FSC, 1st Eng. Bn., HHC, 1st BCT, 14-2 116th MP Co. won by forfeit over 2nd Bn., 356th Regt. 116th MP Co. won by forfeit over Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.	10 5 11 8 1 6 12 9 0 2 12 8 4 13 5 15 5 11 10 8 1 7
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### American League Standings (as of August 7)

	Wins	Losses
HHC, 1st BCT	6	15
Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. #1	2	4
Co. B, 1-16th Inf. Nationals	11	6
Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.	16	3
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	15	2
Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	5	11
Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	1	16
Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA	15	6
Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA	15	5
HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor	15	4
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor	14	6
HHC, 1st Eng. Bn.	4	15
FSC, 1st Eng. Bn.	9	13

### Battalion League Standings (as of August 7)

	Wins	Losses
1st Eng. Bn.	3	7
2nd Bn., 34th Armor	9	1
MEDDAC/DENTAC	6	4
610TH BSB	2	8

### Battalion Softball Tournament

Four teams will compete in the battalion-level softball tournament August 12 at the Fort Riley softball complex. The double-elimination tournament will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m.

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being set for total number of days over 100 degrees (59), longest stretch of 100-degree days (20) and all-time high temperature for Kansas (121 degrees).

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I recorded history, there have been six periods of 100-degree temperatures that lasted for 13 consecutive days or longer. Besides the four mentioned already (two in 1934), there was a 13-day stretch in 1990 and a 16-day stretch in 2000 that had high temperature readings at the century mark or above.

The term "Dog Days" has been around since the time of the ancient Egyptians. They observed that the "Dog Star" Sirius rose

and set in line with the sun for a period of about 40 days. Sirius is one of the brightest stars outside our sun.

It was theorized that Sirius provided a little extra heat to the earth's surface from mid-to late-summer.

"Dog Days," as described by the ancient Egyptians, occurs from mid-July to late-August in the northern hemisphere.

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gains, we can't avoid trouble. It's unfortunate because in the last three or four races we've been much better but can't get the finishes to go along with the performances."

One of the reasons Nemechek was able to battle from the back to the middle of the pack was the quick work by the Army pit crew.

"The over-the-wall guys have

been on top of it all year," Pemberton said. "They were sharp again today and that helped us gain track position."

Nemechek and the Army team will be in Watkins Glen, N.Y., Aug. 11-13 for the second and final road race of the season – the AMD at the Glen.

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# 'Black Lions' tug their way to victory

By Nicole Clarke  
1st Inf. Div P4O

Hearts pumped and adrenaline rushed through the veins of the "Black Lions" and the "Raiders" during Dragon Week's tug of war championship at Raider Field Aug. 3. In the end the "Black Lions" dominated the "Raiders."

Dragon Week is a week long esprit de corps event hosted by 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

The "Black Lions" of the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, won the event championship. The "Raiders" of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, placed second and the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, "Rangers" placed third.

Three other teams in the "Dragon Brigade" also competed in the tug of war.

The first step in the competition was the weigh-in. Each person's individual weight was added to get a team total. The goal was to get as close to the allowed max-

imum of 2,000 pounds without going over, explained Daniel McKim of Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery.

McKim was the overall non-commissioned-officer-in-charge of setting up and running the tug of war.

After McKim briefed the teams on the general rules, each team took turns taking their positions beside the rope. The anchors dug their feet into the ground as their teams waited for the whistle blow that would start the pulling.

"Black Lions" puller Darrell Moody said his team's strategy at the beginning of the first round was to anchor in and hold the rope for a minute and wear out the other team. After the first match, and seeing how close they cut it, their strategy changed.

"After the first match, it was like we are going to take it and win as fast as we can," Moody said. "Doing that paid off in the end, and that is what worked for us."

Teamwork appeared evident as

each team had one coach who took charge and told the other team members when to pull and get the rhythm going, McKim said.

Moody assumed that role for the "Black Lions."

"I was the leader of the team. I was the NCO of the group. It was my place to motivate them and make them want to win," Moody said.

Moody summarized Dragon Week as a good opportunity for the team to come out and participate and represent the infantry and the "Black Lions."

"The Dragon Week events are very important. It lets Kansas and the Army know that the 4th Brigade is here and is going to stay here," Moody said, a native of Wichita, Kan. "We are going to show everyone what the standard is."

"We didn't just come out here and win everything. We came out here to show who is the best, and the best is obviously here today pulling the rope," he said.

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<b>Dragon Week standings</b>	<b>Male Welter Weight (126-155 pounds)</b> 1st - Sgt. Brent Simka (610th BSB) 2nd - Sgt. Daniel Kennedy (1st Bn., 28th Inf.) 3rd - Pvt. Michael Morganti (1st Sqdn., 4th Cav.) <b>Male Super Welter Weight (156-175 pounds)</b> 1st - Pfc. Chad Linz (1st Sqdn., 4th Cav.) 2nd - Nicholas Miller (610th BSB) 3rd - Pvt. Nicholas Looney (2nd Bn., 16th Inf.) <b>Male Light Middle Weight (176-195)</b> 1st - 2nd Lt. Aaron Chonko (2nd Bn., 16 Inf.) 2nd - Derrian Smith (610th BSB) 3rd - Sgc. Derrick Rencher (BSTB) <b>Super Middle Weight</b> 1st - 2nd Lt. Brandon Bear (2nd Bn., 16th Inf.) 2nd - 2nd Lt. Christopher Lowry (610th BSB) <b>Middle Weight</b> 1st - Capt. Brian Ducote (1st Bn., 28th Inf.) 2nd - Unknown 3rd - Sgt. Andre Gonzales (BSTB) <b>Females (150 pounds and under)</b> 1st - Pvt. Christian Deguzman (2nd Bn., 16th Inf.) 2nd - Pfc. Derrick Broxton (610th BSB) 3rd - Pvt. Nathaniel Taylor (1st Bn., 28th Inf.)	<b>Female (151-175 pounds)</b> 1st - 2nd Lt. Kesterlynn Hunter (610th BSB) 2nd - Sgc. Shawna Yost (610th BSB) 3rd - Pvt. Samantha Bok (BSTB) <b>Dragon Marathon</b> 1st - 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. 2nd - BSTB 3rd - 1st Bn., 28th Inf. <b>Iron Dragon</b> 1st - 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. 2nd - 2nd Bn., 32nd FA 3rd - BSTB <b>Dragon Mile:</b> Small company 1st - BSTB Small company 2nd - 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Small company 3rd - 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Medium company 1st - 610th BSB Medium company 2nd - 2nd Bn., 32nd FA Large company 1st - 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Large company 2nd - 2nd Bn., 16th Inf. Large company 3rd - BSTB
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## Leisure time ideas

### At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**Aug. 11** — Superman Returns (PG-13) 153 min

**Aug. 12** — Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) 145 min

**Aug. 13** — Superman Returns (PG-13) 153 min

**Aug. 17** — Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13) 145 min

**Aug. 18** — The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) 108 min  
For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

### Lawrence:

**What:** Family Arts Festival and free outdoor concert featuring The Waitin' Jennys

**When:** 6 p.m., Aug. 18

**Where:** 1600 Stewart Dr., Lied Center of Kansas

**Phone:** (785) 864-2787

**Web site:** www.lied.ku.edu

### Manhattan:

**What:** "Recent Works" by Kari Lennartson. Art exhibit of bold abstract paintings that explore the various meanings of "home."

**When:** Through Sept. 2.

Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

**Where:** Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Avenue

**Admission:** Free  
**Web site:** www.manhattanarts.org

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**What:** Purple Power Play on Poyntz. Pep rally to kick off Kansas State University Wildcats' football season. Music, entertainment, and large fireworks display.

**When:** Aug. 31 through Sept. 1

**Where:** 3rd and Poyntz Avenue

**Phone:** (785) 537-9683  
**Web site:** http://www.downtown.manhattankans.org

### Junction City:

**What:** Concert in the park. Smoky Hill River band plays songs from the 1980s and 1990s. They have revived country dance music, performing hits by such artists as Alabama and Ricky Skaggs.

**When:** 7:30 p.m., Aug. 12  
**Where:** Heritage Park, Sixth and Washington Streets  
**Admission:** Free

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**What:** Concert in the park. Legacy, a church band, performs intense sounds that combines the tempo of rock and roll with

Christian music.

**When:** 7:30 p.m., Aug. 26

**Where:** Heritage Park, Sixth and Washington Streets

### Wichita:

**What:** Flight festival. Some of the top air show performances in the nation.

Enjoy air shows, stunts, aviation displays, exhibits and kids' activities. Celebrate the past, present and future of aviation at this fun festival.

**When:** Aug. 25-27

**Where:** 3512 N. Webb Road, Colonel James Jabara Airport

**Phone:** (316) 267-2817  
**Web site:** http://www.wichita-festivals.com

### Benton:

**What:** Chuckwagons of the West Jamboree. National three-day event featuring concerts, tours, golf outing, tributes and more. A musical jamboree that has been deemed "The Grand Daddy of Them All."

**When:** Sept. 25-27

**Where:** 15231 SW Parallel Road, The Prairie Rose and Wild West World.

**Phone:** (316) 778-2121

**Web site:** http://www.prairie-rosechuckwagon.com

### Salina:

**What:** Draft Horse Show. See huge draft horses and their rigs compete in different categories.

Enjoy the splendor of majestic draft horses and the beautiful rigs they pull.

**When:** Aug. 12

**Where:** 800 The Midway, Salina Bicentennial Center  
**Phone:** (785) 826-7469 or (888) 826-7469

**What:** Wheatland Cluster Dog Shows. The largest dog show in Kansas sponsored by three kennel clubs in one location. Competition for virtually every breed of dog along with obedience trials. There is also a multitude of dog merchandise available for sale.

**When:** Sept. 15-17

**Where:** 800 The Midway, Salina Bicentennial Center  
**Phone:** (785) 826-7469 or (888) 826-7469

### Topeka:

**What:** Inter-Tribal Pow Wow. Join the celebration of Native American culture with dancing in full costume and food and crafts by Native Americans artisans.

**When:** Sept. 1-3

**Where:** Lake Shawnee, Reynolds Lodge  
**Phone:** (785) 272-5489

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**What:** Huff N Puff Balloon Rally. Twenty to 25 balloons from all over the Great Plains take flight over Lake Shawnee.

**When:** Sept. 8-10

**Where:** Tinman Circle, Lake Shawnee  
**Phone:** (785) 554-2003

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